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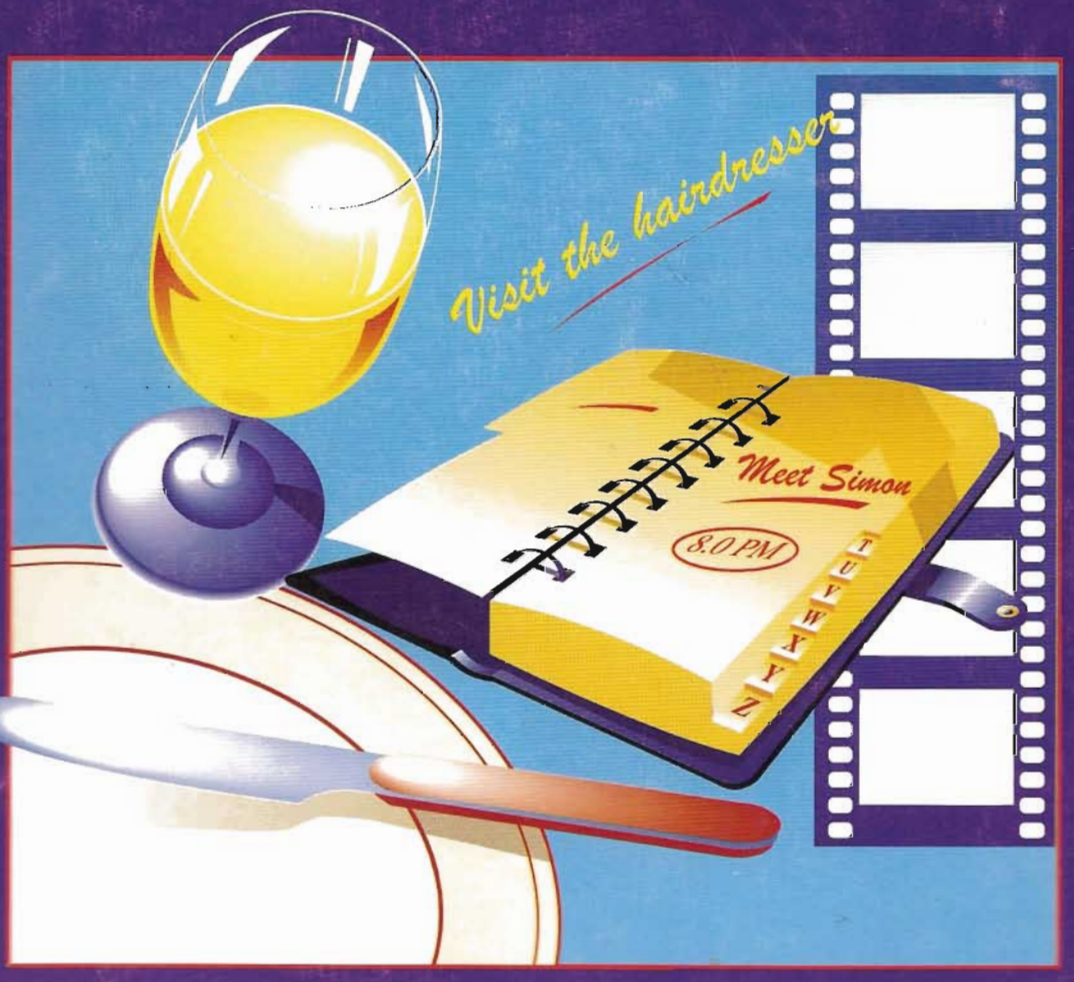

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The worksheets in this book contain a variety of exercises intended for intermediate and advanced students. Most of them can be used either for self-study or in the classroom.There are also pairwork activities.

This workbook can be used on its own or with the *English Dictionary for Students* (published by Peter Collin Publishing, ISBN 1-901659-06-2) to test and improve vocabulary.

Everyday English

Students will often complain that they have studied English for years and already have a wide vocabulary but find themselves unable to understand the English of everyday situations in which they find themselves.

These exercises aim to familiarise students with current, conversational English. We have tried to cover a wide range of situations and topics.

Verbs ~ In the host family

Verbs with prepositions are very common in everyday speech. Here are some that you will hear around the house. Fill in the gaps with the missing verb and preposition. Remember, you may have to change the tense.

1. Yesterday you **left** the iron **on**. Luckily, I'd only **popped out** for a moment but please be more careful in future.
2. Would you like me to wake you up early tomorrow?
   No thanks, I'd like to _____ _____ *'til 10.*
3. Where can I _____ _____ my cassette recorder?
   There's a socket behind the desk.
4. Do you need a hand with the dishes?
   It's OK, but would you mind _____ _____*the plates from the table.*
5. I'm really sorry, I've spilt some tea, have you got a cloth so I can _____ it _____?
6. If you get home late, can you remember to _____ _____ the upstairs light?
7. I'll be back in an hour, I'm just _____ _____ to Jane's.
8. I've seen this film before, is it OK if we _____ _____ ? The news is starting.
9. You look tired — what time did you _____ _____ last night.
10. How did you _____ _____ at school today?
11. Your music's really loud, would you mind _____ it _____?
12. Sorry about the mess, I'll just go and _____ it _____.
13. I was so tired I _____ _____ in front of the telly.

verb and preposition

switch off
~~leave on~~
wipe up
clear away
turn over
plug in
lie in
get in
pop round
~~pop out~~
drop off
turn down
tidy up
get on

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Money & going to the bank ~ 1

In this quiz, one word is missing from each of these sentences. Which one is missing?

1. I'd like to _____ an account please.

   a. start *b. open* *c. set out*

2. Is it possible to _____ £50 please?

   a. take out *b. take away* *c. take off*

3. I don't have any fives, will pound coins _____ ?

   a. make *b. does* *c. do*

4. I'd like to _____ this cheque for £100 please.

   a. pay up *b. pay out* *c. pay in*

5. I'd like to _____ for a credit card.

   a. appoint *b. apply* *c. comply*

6. Do you know where the nearest _____ machine is?

   a. cashpoint *b. money point* *c. automatic money*

7. Can you tell me how _____ pounds there are to the dollar?

   a. much *b. many* *c. few*

8. Bill spends money like _____ , last week he bought 10 CDs.

   a. tea *b. sand* *c. water*

9. Every now and then I like to _____ out on a new outfit.

   a. splash *b. smash* *c. cash*

10. I can't afford it, it's far too _____ .

    a. cost *b. value* *c. dear*

11. She's really _____ .

    a. wealthy *b. value* *c. priceless*

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The Weather ~ Four seasons in one day

1 If you're stuck for conversation you can always talk about the weather. Here are some typical conversation starters. Put the words in the correct order.

a. weather time year Nice the for of = **Nice weather for the time of year**

b. it Lovely isn't day? =

c. It rain like looks =

d. brightening It be seems to up =

e. turned nice out It's again it hasn't? =

f. windy bit a It isn't It's? =

2 In these sentences the *adjectives* are missing. Choose the correct one from the box below.

a. It was raining so hard I got _____ to the skin.

b. My office gets the sun all day - by about 3 o'clock it's_____ .

c. Could you open the window, it's rather _____ in here?

d. Close the door, could you? It's a bit _____ .

e. I waited an hour for the bus in the freezing cold, I'm _____ to the bone.

adjectives

soaked

chilled

stuffy

draughty

boiling

3 In each of the following groups of words one is different. **Underline** the one which does not fit. The first one has been done for you.

a. dull	overcast	grey	**rainy**
b. clear	fine	stormy	bright
c. humid	damp	drizzly	warm
d. chilly	freezing	mild	bitter
e. foggy	pouring	misty	hazy

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Travel ~ Wish you were here

Below are two postcards with extra letters in the text. Card A describes an excellent holiday and card B describes a disastrous one. Find the hidden messages.

A

DEARTOSUZYSOMIAMNOHAVINGANJOMABSOLUT
ELYGRETBRILLIANTANTIME.METHERWEATHERMO
YISBOILINGKOHOTWENANDYTHENBEACHESAREN
HAMAZING—GOLDENYSANDSSHCLEARPANSEA
ANDBRLOADSIFOFHUNKYWEMEN.ASWFORETHENI
GHTLIFESNITVRISNEGREATJOHERE—
TRENDYISWINEARBARSSELLINGRELYCHEAPS
BOOZEALTHEPOCLUBSARAREQUOPENINUNTILDA
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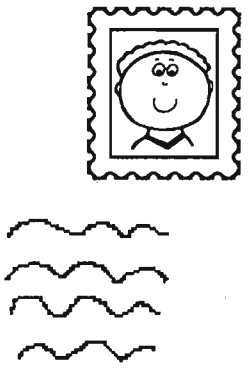

B

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HOLIDAYSABOFROMSHELLFIRSTESTHEAFLIGHTO
NWASNANIGHTMARESIOTHEREMOWASPRIASIXHO
URDELAYOANDTHENNITLOADSTOMOROFANDTUR
BULENCEWHENDYWEDNEFINALLYEHARRIVEDSAT
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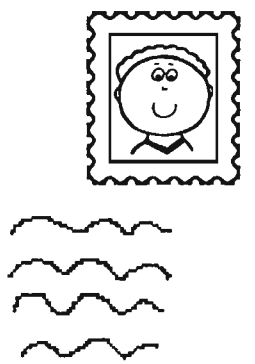

Extension. Find a word in the postcards which means:

a) very small =
b) very dirty =
c) good-looking =
d) extremely (x2) =
e) alcohol =
f) a lot of =

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Food

Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences below. The first one has been done for you.

a. I'm **stuffed / filled**, I couldn't eat a thing.
Really? I haven't eaten all day I'm **rumbling / starving.**

b. I'm so hungry my tummy's **rumbling / roaring**.

c. People say that English food is rather **bland / blank** compared to Indian food.

d. I'm feeling **moreish / peckish**, I'm just going to buy a bar of chocolate.

e. Thanks for lunch it was really **tasteful / tasty**.

f. I can't stop eating these biscuits — they're so **moreish / peckish**.

g. This wine's a bit **hard / rough** — but what can you expect for £2.99?

h. Do you mind if I have a **sip / suck** of your cola? I'm a bit thirsty.

i. Could I have a **dark / black** coffee, please?

j. No wonder she's so fat, it's all that **quick / junk** food she eats.

k. I'd like some mineral water, please.
Would you like **gassy / sparkling** *or still?*

l. I won't have any more thanks, I'm **fed up / full up**.

m. I'm afraid I can't eat this bread — it's **sour / stale.**

n. Yuk! These carrots are overcooked. They're really **crunchy / soggy.**

o. I don't particularly like sweets, I prefer **salty / savoury** things.

p. I asked for the steak to be well-done, but this is practically **raw / crude.**

q. This coffee tastes strange. I think the milk might be **off / rotten.**

r. You must try that new Italian restaurant, the food is **out of the blue / out of this world.**

s. He cooks really **good / well.**

t. My landlady's a really good **cooker / cook.**

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At the hairdresser

1 Sally decides to have her hair cut. Fill in the gaps to complete the dialogue using the words in the box below.

split ends

fringe

bob

~~trim~~

perm

hi-lights

curly

grow out

parting

Key: ***H*** *= Hairdresser* ***S*** *= Sally*

H : How would you like it?

S : I'm not sure. Maybe just a **trim** this time.

H : Let's have a look. If I take off an inch that should get rid of your _____ . Have you still got some _____ in your hair or is it naturally _____ ?

S : It's natural. Actually, the colour's a bit dull so I was thinking of having some blond _____ . What do you think?

H : That would suit you. Now, shall I cut your _____ as well?

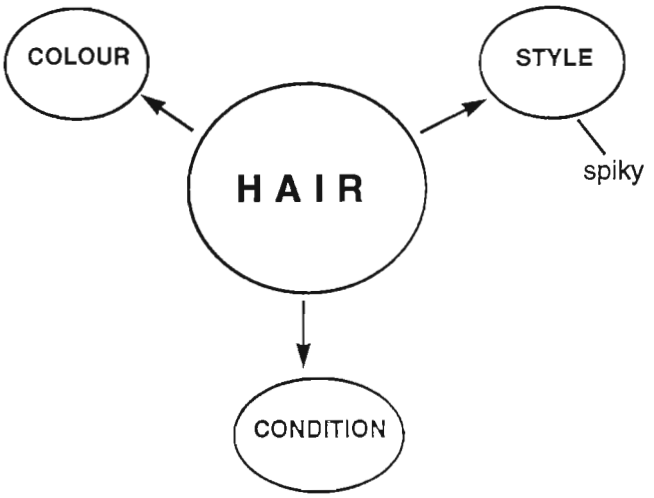
S : Yes I think so. I've been trying to_____ it _____ but it keeps getting in my eyes.

H : OK, we'll keep it in a _____ then with a centre _____ , shall we?

S : That sounds great.

2 **Extension.** Complete this mind map of things to do with hair.

~~spiky~~
perm
layered
auburn
crew cut
mousy
quiff
greasy
dyed
normal
blond
bob
brunette



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The phone

The words in these telephone conversations are in the wrong order. Put them in the correct order and then write them in the boxes. The first one has been done for you as an example.

A ~~there Hello John is?~~

out sorry he's I'm moment the at.

message I take Can a?

you ring Could him ask to Tim when gets in he?

Hello, is John there?

B speak Peter please I Can to?

afraid number you've the wrong I'm got.

trouble sorry I'm to you.

C that Claire Is?

minute Hold a on get I'll her.

Jacquie fancy Saturday it's Hi do on you coming dinner to?

love Yes I'd to

Extension. Act out the above conversations with a partner.

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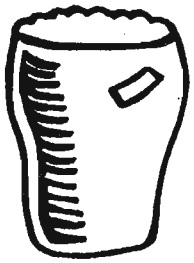
Pub language ~ Cheers!



The exercises on this page practise some of the vocabulary you are likely to hear in a pub.

1 This is a conversation that you might hear between two friends in a pub. Put it in the most logical order. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ Hang on, it's my round. Same again?
- ☐ 1 OK John, what are you having?
- ☐ Fine. Do you fancy some crisps?
- ☐ Cheers. Half a lager — whatever's on draught.
- ☐ It's next to the cigarette machine.
- ☐ OK — cheese and onion, please.
- ☐ By the way, do you know where the loo is?

Extension

a. With a partner, act out the conversation.
b. How are pubs / bars different in your country?
c. Find the word or phrase from the conversation which means:
   (a) thanks =
   (b) toilet =
   (c) would you like? =

2 Each of the words below has a partner.
Match the words to find things found in a pub.

half	beer	snooker	peanuts
cue	machine	beer	draught
pint	cigarette	orders	dinner
last	roasted	dart	cheese
roast	mat	sandwich	closing
lager	toilet	time	Gents
bar	stool	board	garden

e.g. beer mat .....

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Idioms of comparison

1 Fill in the gaps using one of the words from the box below.

sheet	flash	mouse	picture	feather	chalk
toast	sin	gold	fiddle	rake	cheese

a. You wouldn't know she's there — she's as quiet as a _____ .

b. In that blue dress she looks as pretty as a _____ .

c. Before I could do anything, quick as a _____ , he was out the door and down the street.

d. Poor Billy, he's got a wonderful personality, but he's as ugly as _____ .

e. It was a pleasure looking after Anna's daughter. She's as good as _____ .

f. I'll carry the baby for a while — he's as light as a _____ .

g. When I told Paul the bad news he went as white as a _____ .

h. My grandad's 86, but he's as fit as a _____ .

i. It really makes me sick — Tina eats loads of chocolate and she's still as thin as a _____ .

j. My brother and I are as different as _____ and _____ .

k. With my new central heating I'm as warm as _____ .

2 Fill in the gaps using one of the words from the box below.

a. She _____ like a fish

b. He _____ like a drain

c. She _____ like a lunatic

d. He _____ like a trooper

e. He _____ like a chimney

f. She _____ like a log

g. He _____ like a pig

swears
drives
smokes
drinks
slept
eats
laughs

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Love & romance

1 Match a verb with a **preposition** to complete the story.

verb		preposition
chat eye stand get ask go (x2) split turn	+	up (x5) on out (x2) off

Tim was at Fifi's disco. He stood at the bar and ***eyed up*** the beautiful girls. There was one he really fancied. So, feeling nervous, he went over and started to _____ her _____. Her name was Maria. They _____ _____ so well that he _____ her _____. They _____ _____ for three months. However, one day Maria _____ him _____. She didn't _____ _____ for a date. Tim rang her and she told him she had _____ _____ him and wanted to _____ _____ . Poor Tim was heartbroken .....

2 Six months later Maria meets her friend Julia at a party. Complete the dialogue by using the correct **preposition** from the list on the right.

Julia: Hi, I haven't seen you for ages. The last time we met you were head over heels in love ..... Tim. Are you still together?

Maria: Tim? No, that's history. There's someone at college that I'm keen ..... .

Julia: You haven't got a crush ..... one of the lecturers I hope. You always did have a soft spot ..... older men.

Maria: No, I've fallen ..... one of the other students in my class. He's absolutely gorgeous. By the way, isn't that Sally? What a dreadful skirt she's wearing.Look how she's flirting ..... Paul.

Julia: Yes, I wouldn't be seen dead ..... a skirt like that. She's obviously crazy ..... him.

Maria: Mmm, judging by the look on his face, he doesn't seem to think much ..... her.

on
on
with
for
in
of
with
for
about

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Love quiz

Discuss the following questions with a partner. Use the expressions in the box below in your responses.

1. Would you marry someone rich even if they got on your nerves?
2. Would you answer a lonely hearts ad. in the local newspaper?
3. If you found out that your partner had been unfaithful to you, would you dump him/her?
4. Would you go out with someone good-looking even if they had no sense of humour?
5. If you saw your best friend's partner on a date with someone else, would you tell him/her?
6. If your partner started chatting to his/her friends in the pub and ignored you, would you storm off?
7. Would you stop seeing your friends of the opposite sex, if your partner asked you to?
8. If you found your partner's old love letters in a drawer, would you read them?
9. If your partner forgot your birthday would you give him/her the elbow?

NO	NOT SURE	YES
Not on your life No way You're joking	It's hard to say It depends I'm not sure	You bet! Not half! Absolutely.

Extension. Find the word or expression in the quiz which means:

a) to walk out angrily
b) to finish a relationship (two expressions)
c) to irritate or annoy someone
d) a romantic meeting
e) to see someone else when you're already in a relationship.

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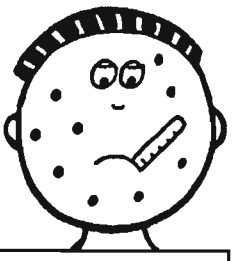
Illnesses ~ Sick as a parrot



1 Using the words from the box, fill in the conversation between Billy and the doctor.

pain	problem	lie	back	prescription	ouch!	ache
painful	muscle	hurts	bend	examine	rest	

Doctor: *Good morning. What seems to be the _____ ?*

Billy: Well, I've got a _____ in my lower _____ .

Doctor: *I see, does it _____ all the time?*

Billy: Yes, it's especially _____ when I _____ down to put on my socks.

Doctor: *How long have you been feeling like this?*

Billy: I've had it for the best part of a week now.

Doctor: *If you'd like to take your shirt off, I'll _____ you. Please _____ down over there.*

Billy: _____ ! That _____ .

Doctor: *Right, it looks like you've pulled a _____ . I'll give you a _____ for some painkillers. I suggest you go home and get lots of _____ .*

2 Would you feel happy or sad if you were: (√)

√	on the mend ?	
	in a bad way?	
	in good shape?	
	feeling groggy?	
	under the weather?	
	on top of the world?	
	getting over flu?	
	feeling run down?	

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Bad manners ~ British customs

There's more to living in Britain than learning the language. Sometimes behaviour which is normal in one country may be considered rude in another. Which of the following customs do you think are normal in Britain?

	YES	NO
1. It is normal to queue at a bus stop.	√	
3. Spitting is considered offensive.		
4. People usually take off their shoes before entering someone's house.		
5. It is usual to haggle over the price in shops.		
6. Snogging in public is acceptable.		
7. It's OK to ask a woman how old she is.		
8. Sniffing is preferable to blowing your nose when you have a cold.		
9. Hugging close friends and relatives when saying goodbye at the airport is unacceptable.		
10. Turning up to a dinner invitation empty handed is fine.		
11. Couples walking arm in arm in public causes offence.		
12. Burping after a meal shows appreciation.		
13. Clicking your fingers to attract a waiter's attention is considered rude.		
14. Offering your seat to an OAP or mother with young children is good manners.		
15. It is usual to tip taxi drivers and waiters.		
16. Sticking your first two fingers up with palm facing you is extremely rude.		

Extension. With a partner discuss what is the same and / or different in your country.

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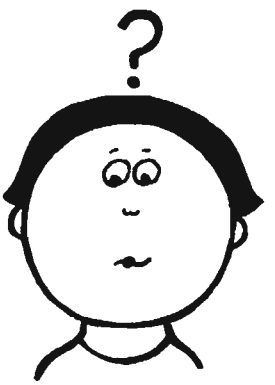
Everyday confusing words



These are all everyday questions and requests. Select the word which completes the sentence.

1. Can I _____ you a drink?
   a) get b) pay c) invite

2. What are you _____ to tonight?
   a) down b) up c) about

3. What do you _____ ?
   a) agree b) opinion c) think

4. Why can't you _____ me what she said?
   a) say b) said c) tell

5. Can you _____ me a fiver please?
   a) borrow b) lend c) let

6. Oh no, I've left the newspaper in the kitchen. Could you go and _____ it for me.
   a) carry b) take c) fetch

7. When are you _____ your driving test?
   a) taking b) passing c) making

8. Have you been on the phone all day ? I've been trying to get through to you for hours but the phone's always _____ .
   a) ringing b) occupied c) engaged

9. Do you come from Spain? No, I come from Portugal _____ .
   a) really b) actually c) of course.

10. What's _____ ? You look worried.
    a) in b) up c) about

11. Sorry, I didn't quite understand what you said. Could you please _____ it once again.
    a) said b) tell c) say

12. Could you _____ me to post this letter?
    a) remember b) remind c) say

13. Does pink _____ me ?
    a) suit b) fit c) match

Extension. Write sentences using each of the words. Writing your own sentence or phrase will help you remember how to use them correctly.

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Get

Get is an extremely common verb, particularly in spoken English.

A Write the correct preposition in each gap.

1. Get a move _____ we're going to be late !
2. I've had a terrible cold but I'm getting _____ it now.
3. He never stops talking. He really gets _____ my nerves.
4. My mum's great. We get _____ like a house on fire.
5. I'll have to go to the cashpoint, I haven't got any money _____ me.
6. This miserable weather really gets me _____ .
7. He's so cheeky. I don't know how he gets _____ with it.
8. I don't know how nurses get _____ on such a small salary.

preposition
on
down
over
by
on
on
on
away

B In the following, replace the word **get** with another verb from the box below

1. We can **get** something to eat at the chippie at the end of the road.
2. Did you **get** my message?
3. I **get** about £1000 a month after tax.
4. I **got** the early train.
5. I didn't **get** home until the early hours.
6. She's gone to **get** the kids from school.
7. I **got** the measles from my sister.
8. Sorry I didn't quite **get** what you said.

verbs
caught
buy
arrive
caught
receive
earn
fetch
understand

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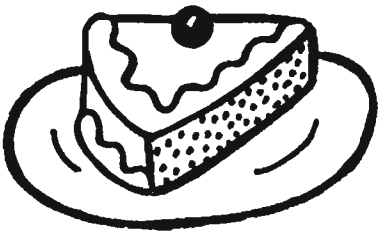
Food idioms ~ A piece of cake



A word or phrase is missing from each of these sentences. Which one? The missing words are all connected with food.

cup of tea	cheesed off	piece of cake	cake	nuts
sardines	jelly	cheese	potatoes	chicken out
spice	fish	bean	peas	couch potato

a. He felt really _____ when he didn't get the job.

b. I don't think I'll go to the opera again, it's not really my _____ .

c. That test was simple – a _____ !

d. Bill just sits in front of the TV all the time. It's not easy living with a _____ .

e. I wish they'd turn the music down – it's driving me _____ .

f. The train was overcrowded. Everyone was packed in like _____ .

g. Variety is the _____ of life.

h. If you open your present now you'll have nothing to open on your birthday — you can't have your _____ and eat it.

i. Bob says he's going to ask Jenny out, I'm sure he's going to _____ at the last minute.

j. My girlfriend's left me.
Don't worry, there's plenty more _____ in the sea.

k. I was so scared, my legs turned to _____ .

l. My sister and I are so alike. No-one can tell us apart, we're like two _____ in a pod.

m. This dress makes me look like a sack of _____ .

n. I'm completely broke, I haven't got a _____ .

o. Smile, all say "_____ ".

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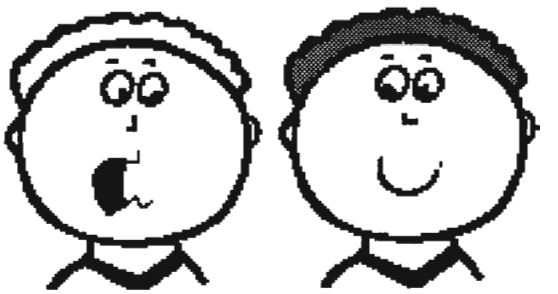
Saying the right thing



Using the appropriate language for different situations is just as important as using the correct grammar. See if you can answer the following.

1. 'Cheers' can also mean thank you.

2. Nobody rang for me, did _____?
   a) he b) we c) they

3. A friend says "Would you like to come to the cinema with me?" You say
   a) Of course b) I'd love to

4. 'I don't care' and 'I don't mind' mean exactly the same thing.

5. It is normal to call a shop assistant 'Sir' or 'Madam'.

6. If someone asks a personal question, such as 'How much money do you earn?', a polite response is
   a) Mind your own business b) I'd rather not say

7. To find out someone's job, the most natural question is
   a) What is your work? b) What do you do for a living?

8. You want to borrow a friend's bicycle this evening. A polite way to ask would be 'Will you be using your bicycle this evening?'

9. If you accidentally bump into someone in a busy street, you usually say
   a) Excuse me b) I'm sorry c) Please

10. On January 1st or just after we greet people by saying
    a) Merry New Year b) Happy New Year c) Good New Year.

11. "***Where*** *are you from?*" and "***Whereabouts*** *are you from?*" mean exactly the same.

12. A friend tells you his mother is ill. A natural response is "*I'm sorry to hear that*".

13. Somebody accidentally steps on your foot and apologises. You can say
    a) never mind b) I should think so

14. When you are about to begin a meal with English people, it is usual to say
    a) good appetite b) nothing

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British & American English

1 Replace the words in *italics* with **British English.**

1. I have to take the ***subway*** every morning.
2. I live on the 27th floor, but luckily there's an ***elevator.***
3. I'm just going to the ***drugstore*** for some aspirin.
4. Bicycles are not allowed on the ***freeway.***
5. We're late, let's take a ***cab.***
6. The car won't start — I think we've run out of ***gas.***

British English
lift
taxi
motorway
tube
petrol
chemist

2 Replace the word in *italics* with **American English.**

1. I'd love to see New England in the ***autumn.***
2. These ***trousers*** are too short.
3. Waiter, can I have the ***bill*** please?
4. She's just bought a wonderful two-bedroom ***flat*** .
5. Could you empty the ***rubbish*** please?
6. If you don't have enough money to phone home you can always ***reverse the charges.***

American English
apartment
check
garbage
call collect
pants
fall

3 Match the American English words with the British English words.

American	***British***
sick	*sweets*
vest	*alcohol*
restroom	*pavement*
liquor	*waistcoat*
purse	*film*
mailbox	*postbox*
candy	*biscuit*
movie	*toilet*
cookie	*handbag*
sidewalk	*ill*

Extension. Can you think of any words from your language that are used in English?

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Slang

Slang is informal language which is very common in speech and is not used in formal situations. Sometimes certain slang is used by a certain group of people, such as teenagers or children.

standard English
toilet * things * pounds * drunk * without money * bored * underground * children

1 Replace the words in *italics* with standard English:

1. I'm just popping out to buy some *fags* **(cigarettes).**
2. I'll be back in a mo, I'm just going to the *loo* ( ).
3. Can you *shift* ( ) your *stuff* ( ) ? I'd like to sit down.
4. I'm *broke.* ( ) and can't afford to buy you a coffee
5. Well, I can lend you a couple of *quid* ( ).
6. The traffic's a nightmare in London, it's quicker to take the *tube.* ( ).
7. Jane's married with a couple of *kids* ( ).
8. I've no cash on me. Can you lend me a *tenner* ( ) ?
9. One of my *mates* ( ) is emigrating to America.
10. I'm *fed up* ( ) with studying I'll never learn the present perfect.

2 Using **some** (not all) of the slang, write the questions which give the following answers, the first one has been done for you

A: Do you want a ***fag*** ?
B: No thanks, I've just given up.

A: How.....?
B: Jane's 5 and Sarah's 6.

A: Did.....?
B: No, I came by bus.

A: Can.....?
B: Yes, it's upstairs, first on the left.

A: Whose.....?
B: It's mine, I'll move it for you.

A: Can.....?
B: Sure, will two fives do?

A: Could you ..... your car?
B : Yes, no problem.

A: You look ..... what's up ?
B: I'm sick of what I'm doing.

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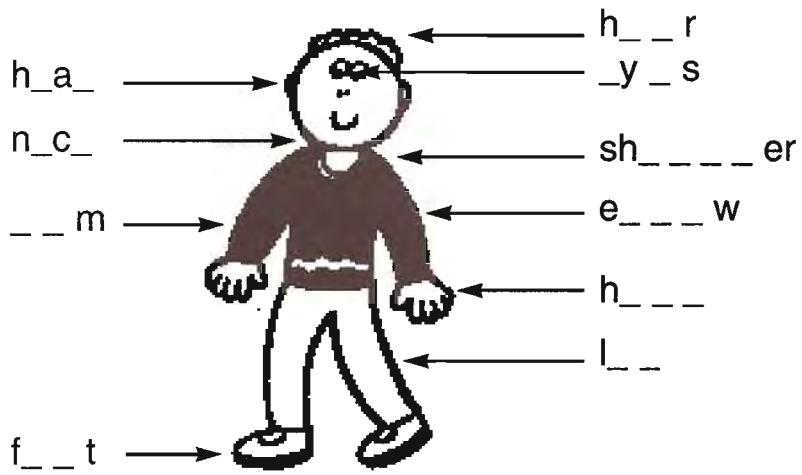
Body idioms ~ A helping hand

1 This exercise will help you learn some useful idioms associated with the parts of the body. First of all, label the parts of the body.



2 Choose the correct body part from the picture and complete the gaps.

hair hand foot head hand eyes shoulder arm elbow eye head neck leg

a. I wouldn't like to a be a pilot, I don't have a _____ for heights.

b. I really put my _____ in it when I accidentally told Julie about her secret birthday party.

c. I may not like him, but you've got to _____ it to him — he's a great salesman.

d. I don't believe you, that can't be true, you're pulling my _____ .

e. Well, we could go to the cinema or, on the other _____ , we could go to the theatre.

f. I'm sorry I can't come out tonight, I'm up to my _____ in work.

g. I can't wait for my exams to finish, as soon as they do I'm really going to let my _____ down.

h. I can't stand Helen, she's a complete pain in the _____ .

i. Jane really fancies you, she told me she's had her _____ on you for ages.

j. Billy's the right person for the job, he's _____ and _____ above the other applicants.

k. The concert was so crowded I had to _____ my way to the front.

l. I didn't really want to go to the party, but Johnny twisted my _____ .

m. What a ____ raising flight, I've never been so scared in my life.

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Going out ~ A night on the town

1 Find the most suitable response to the sentences in A.

A		B	
1.	What time does the gig start?	a.	Cos, there's a happy hour from 6 'til 7.
2.	What did you think of the latest Tarantino film?	b.	Will my student card do?
3.	Why are we meeting so early?	c.	Well, the support band comes on at 10.
4.	Do you fancy going clubbing later?	d.	Me too, let's go to the cashpoint.
5.	Thirty quid for a couple of pizzas!	e.	Yes, what a rip-off!
6.	I'm completely skint.	f.	It's completely overrated.
7.	Have you got any I.D.?	g.	I'd love to. There's a 60's night on at the Rochester.

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WHAT'S ON GUIDE

GIGS

The Frightening Seeds: Conchester 8pm

Don't miss this one! If you're into cool harmonies, great lyrics and latin dance rhythms, be sure to catch this chart-topping band on their latest UK tour.

FILMS

Germinator II

Action-packed thriller starring Harold Schwarzebegger. Slender plot and predictable ending but well worth seeing.

Phantom

A tender, moving, romantic comedy starring Patrick Layzee and Gimme Moore. A real weepie.

THEATRE

Bats

The West-End smash hit musical comes to town. An excellent cast and memorable songs make this show an absolute must.

The Mousebait

The ever popular whodunnit is now in it's 65th year and still playing to packed audiences.

CLUBS

The Sap 10 til 2am

A great venue. Soul, techno and house. Guest DJ .

Find the answers from the What's On Guide to the left.

a. You need your hankie for .....

b. ..... is the most highly recommended.

c. In ..... the story is very simple.

d. ..... have sold a lot of records.

e. ..... is a murder mystery.

f. ..... doesn't have live music.

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Going out ~ The cinema

1 Make a suitable question for each answer.

1. Q: Who / star / it?

   A: Sylvestor Stallone and Bruce Willis.

2 Q: Where / on?

   A: The Haymarket, Leicester Square.

3. Q: What / time / start?

   A: 5.30 and 8.15

4. Q: What / think / it?

   A: Actually, I found it a bit boring.

5. Q: Who / direct?

   A: Steven Spielberg

6. Q: What / about?

   A: It's a love story set in the future.

2 Fill in the missing words.

Cinema vocabulary

You buy your ticket at the ***b***__ **o**_____.

The ***f***_____ is the entrance to the cinema. You can usually buy sweets and popcorn here.

The ***t***_____ are clips of films coming to the cinema soon.

The ***u***_____ is the person who collects your ticket.

The seats in a cinema are divided into **r**_____ .

3 Here are some **adjectives** to describe films. Some can be used with ***very*** and others with ***absolutely.*** Decide which column you can put them into:

funny ***hilarious*** ~~***brilliant***~~ ***boring*** ***moving*** ~~***good***~~
awful ***predictable*** ***frightening*** ***horrific*** ***riveting*** ***interesting***

VERY	ABSOLUTELY
good	brilliant

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Money & going to the bank ~ 2

1 Put this conversation between a bank cashier and customer in the most logical order. The first one has been done for you.

☐	Five twenties, two tens and two fives please.
☐	Yes, here you are.
1	I'd like to change some traveller's cheques please.
☐	Could you sign each one please?
☐	Right, that's £130 in total. How would you like it?
☐	Here you are, one hundred, ten, twenty, thirty.
☐	Yes certainly, have you got your passport on you?
☐	Thanks, goodbye
☐	Yes, of course.

2 Would you feel happy or sad if : **(√)**

☐	You were hard up?	√
☐	You were broke?	☐
☐	You picked up a bargain?	☐
☐	You were overdrawn?	☐
☐	You were ripped off?	☐
☐	You were in the red?	☐
☐	You didn't have a bean?	☐
☐	You were loaded?	☐
☐	You were in dire straits?	☐
☐	You were well off?	☐
☐	You were skint?	☐

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Asking politely ~ Getting it right

In English there are different ways of saying the same thing. The words you use depends on the situation. Choose the most suitable question in the following examples.

1 1. **Talking to a guard at a railway station.**

a) Excuse me, where's the ticket office?
b) Excuse me, do you think you could tell me where the ticket office is?

2. **To your friend.**

a) Lend me your pen a second, will you?
b) I was wondering if you could possibly lend me your pen?

3. **To your host family (you've just arrived)**

a) I'll use your phone, if that's OK.
b) Could I possibly use your phone?

4. **To a stranger at the airport**

a) Give me a hand with my bag, would you?
b) Would you mind helping me with my bag,it's rather heavy?

5. **To a passenger on a train.**

a) Can I open the window?
b) Do you mind if I open the window?

6. **To your host family.**

a) Pass me the salt, I can't reach.
b) Could you please pass the salt?

7. **Talking to a waiter in a restaurant.**

a) Could I have the bill, please?
b) Sorry to trouble you, but could I possibly have the bill?

8. **To your host family.**

a) OK if I have another blanket?
b) Would you mind giving me another blanket?

2 Choose a suitable reply for each of the above situations from the list below

a.	Certainly, straight away.	*7a*
b.	Not at all, I'll get you one.	___
c.	I'd rather you didn't, I've got a cold.	___
d.	Sure. Which one is it?	___
e.	Over there on the left.	___
f.	So long as you're quick.	___
g.	Hang on a sec, I'm using it.	___
h.	Of course, here you are.	___

Extension. In which situations would you use the other answers?

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Travel ~ Getting around

1 Choose the correct word to complete the story. The first one has been done for you.

I've just come back from a disastrous **journey/(trip)** around Europe. The **crossing/voyage** was a bit rough and I couldn't wait to **get off/get out of** the ferry. Anyway, we **missed/lost** the train to Paris and had to wait ages for the next one. The **trip/journey** to Paris was uneventful. However, on the way down to Switzerland there was a fire in one of the compartments and everybody had to **get out of/get off** the train. It was turning into a nightmare **travel/holiday**. We **reached/arrived** in Geneva the following morning and **caught/took** a taxi to the hotel. As soon as I **got out of/got off** the taxi I realised that my handbag was still on the seat. I waved and shouted but it was too late..... the taxi driver had already **driven off/driven out.**

2 Match the first half of the sentence with the second half.

a.	We should	1.	get there, it'll be over.
b.	Do you want	2.	you up at 11 o'clock.
c.	I'll pick	3.	my own way, thanks.
d.	Could you drop	4.	a lift to the station?
e.	I'll make	5.	me off here, please.
f.	By the time we	6.	be there soon.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct **noun.**

a. The language school organises **e**_____ to Oxford and Cambridge.

b. There was a fantastic **v**_____ from my hotel room.

c. Ibiza is a very popular holiday **r**_____.

d. We didn't stay long in Italy, it was just a **f**_____ v_____.

e. We went on a **p**_____ **h**_____ to Spain. It only cost £99.

f. The **c**_____in Ireland is extremely unspoilt.

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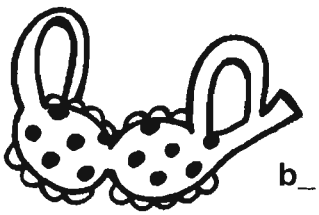
Fashion ~ Dressed to kill 1

1 Do you know what these are called?



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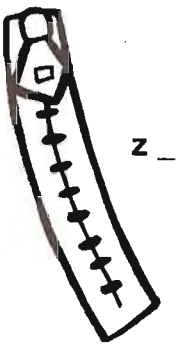

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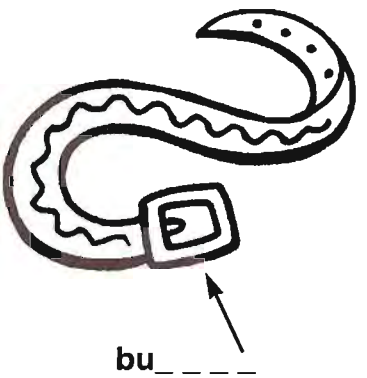

bu_ _ _ _

2 Another day in shopper's paradise

Complete the story below with one of the following **verbs.** Use each verb only once. (Remember you may have to change the tense.)

get dressed	try on	undo	take off	suit	fit	do up	go with

After three hours of window shopping Suzy finally spotted a great black dress. However, when she _____it _____ she found, to her horror, that she couldn't _____ it _____. She _____ it _____ and looked for a bigger size. The only one left was in red not black. It _____her perfectly but she felt that the colour didn't _____ her, it didn't _____ _____ her hair. When she tried to _____ it, the zip got stuck and the assistant had to help her. Fed up and exhausted she _____ _____, bought a huge bar of chocolate and went home. Well, she thought, "At least I've saved myself £50 ....."

3 In each of the following groups **<u>underline</u>** the word which is different.

a.	baggy	loose	outsize	fitted
b.	elegant	smart	frumpy	chic
c.	fashionable	tight	trendy	up-to-date
d.	flared	v-neck	ribbed	polo-neck

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Accommodation ~ A roof over your head

1 To make a conversation more natural we use little phrases to tell the other person how we feel. Choose a suitable expression from the box below to complete the conversation. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

to be honest	on the whole	fortunately	suppose
unfortunately	that's a pity	anyway	still

A: How do you like your host family?

B: Well, _____ I'm very happy there. _____ they're very chatty so I can practise my English and they make me feel like part of the family. How about you?

A: _____ ,we don't get on very well so I've decided to look for a flat. I quite like the idea of getting my own place. I don't suppose you fancy sharing?

B: Well _____ ,I prefer living in a host family. It's convenient for school and the food's great. Also, I've got to go back home next month.

A: Oh, _____ , _____ , I'm sure it's quite easy to get fixed up. Do you know how much a one bedroom flat costs?

B: I've no idea but I'm sure it's much cheaper to share.

A: Yes I _____ so.

B: _____ , good luck. Let me know how you get on.

2 Pronunciation ~ past simple endings

Regular verbs have three different pronunciations in the past tense. Put the verbs into the correct column in the table below. The first one has been done for you.

a. The flat has recently been ***painted.***
b. The accommodation agency ***called*** this afternoon.
c. I ***moved*** into my new place last week.
d. I ***decided*** to take it.
e. My flat mate ***fixed*** the ***smashed*** window.
f. I've ***planted*** some flowers and ***watered*** the lawn.
g. Have you ***hoovered*** the carpet yet ?
   No, but I've ***cleared*** up the mess in the hall.
h. We've already ***introduced*** ourselves to the neighbours.
i. Have you ***phoned*** the electricity company yet?
j. I've ***dusted*** the shelves and ***cleaned*** the kitchen and ***scrubbed*** the floor.

/t/	/id/	/d/
	painted	

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Pronunciation ~ Stress & silent letters

Spoken English is often pronounced differently to how it's written. In these examples put bubbles over the stressed syllables in the words in italics.

1 a. I hate soggy ***vegetables*** .

b. The Jaguar's my ***favourite*** car.

c. What's ***happening*** tonight in school?

d. Have you seen my ***dictionary*** ?

e. What are you doing on ***Wednesday*** ?

f. The train gets in at 6 o'clock this ***evening.***

g. That bloke over there is making me feel ***uncomfortable.***

h. What's your new boyfriend like? - He's fairly ***ordinary*** and works in a car ***factory.***

i. I love Swiss ***chocolate*** . I could eat a whole bar.

j. He never smiles, he's so ***miserable.***

2 Also there are a lot of silent letters, letters that we do not pronounce. Cross out the silent letters. The first one has been done for you.

a. Have you ever seen a **gh~~o~~st**?

b. Brighton is full of **foreign** students.

c. What do you do at **Christmas**?

d. We're going on holiday to one of the Greek **Islands.**

e. I don't mind cooking but I hate **ironing**.

f. My **muscles** are killing me after playing football yesterday.

g. I'll have a pint of best and a **half** a lager please.

h. I can't stand Anne, she never **listens** to anything you say.

i. We'll pop round in an **hour** if you are not doing anything.

j. I'd like a cheese **sandwich**, please.

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Fashion ~ Dressed to kill 2

1 Here is a dialogue between a shop assistant and a customer. Put it in the correct order.

- ☐ How was it?
- ☐ 1 Are you looking for anything in particular?
- ☐ How would you like to pay?
- ☐ Is it OK if I try it on?
- ☐ By cheque.
- ☐ Yes, have you got this skirt in a size 10?
- ☐ Sure, the changing rooms are over there.
- ☐ Let me see, yes, this is the last one.
- ☐ It fits perfectly, I'll take it.

2 A week later, she goes back to the shop to complain about the skirt she bought. Fill in the gaps to complete the dialogue using the words in the box on the right.

Customer:	Excuse me, I'd like to _____ this skirt.
Sales Assistant:	I see, what exactly is wrong with it?
Customer:	Well, It's supposed to be colour _____ but when I washed it the colour _____ and turned everything pink, including my husband's underwear.
Sales Assistant:	Would you like to _____ it for another one? We still have plenty in _____ .
Customer:	No thank you. You see that's not all. It says on the _____ that it's machine washable. I followed the instructions but it _____ , so I'd like a _____ please.
Sales Assistant:	Certainly Madam. Do you have your _____ ?
Customer:	Yes, here you are. I only bought it last week.
Sales Assistant:	£25.99. Fine. If you could just sign here Madam.

fast
return
stock
label
refund
shrank
receipt
ran
change

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Abbreviations ~ a.s.a.p.

1 Read this note from a landlady to a student and write it out in full.

Dear Billy *Sat. 3pm*
I won't be home 'til 2am 'cos Mr Smith from next door is off to the USA and I'm taking him to the airport. Your mum phoned — please call asap. Don't forget, your food is in fridge, help yourself to anything you want: bread, cheese, marge and veg etc.
See you tomorrow

Mrs Grey
P.S. A letter came for you this afternoon, it's on the telly.

2 Normally you find **abbreviations** in the small adverts, look at the examples below and find the abbreviations for the following.

one bed. flat CH £300 p.c.m. avail. from mid. Nov. tel. eves. 209784	Mini for sale, 2 dr, s.roof ster. and full MOT vgc only one owner. £750 ono. tel. wknds Btn. 096423	Prof. m. gsoh wltm good looking f. Loves the outdoor life n/s 23-30 for a serious relationship call Tim P.O. Box 32

bedroom =	non-smoker =	available =
evenings =	very good condition =	post office =
November =	or nearest offer =	middle of =
weekends =	stereo =	sun =
Brighton =	would like to meet =	telephone =
good sense of humour =	per calender month =	female =

3 ***In the puzzle on the right find the following abbreviations:***

over the top
extra terrestrial
politically correct
I owe you
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
body odour
young upwardly mobile professional
Teaching English as a Foreign Language
for example
Bachelor of Arts
compact disc
water closet (Toilet)
intelligence quota
European Union
or nearest offer
unidentified flying object

Y	U	P	P	Y	B	O	V	D	B	A	C	O	S
A	F	L	D	E	X	A	R	T	Y	A	Q	R	B
I	O	U	S	V	E	P	G	U	J	B	X	Q	E
E	U	N	A	R	O	N	O	V	C	X	Q	T	T
G	I	Q	W	G	C	M	P	O	A	I	D	S	O
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T	E	F	L	B	W	C	D	B	A	A	A	E	G

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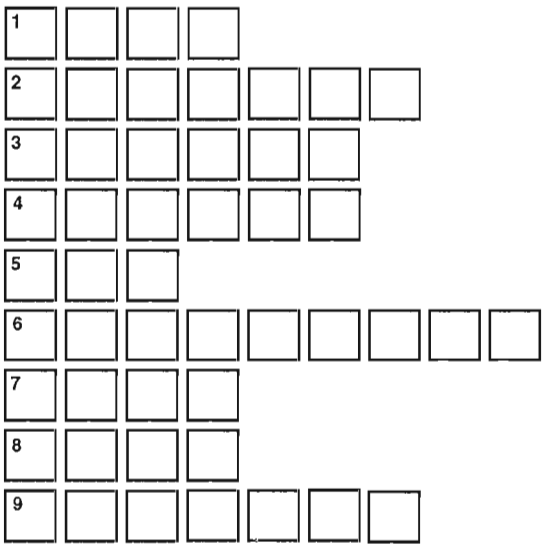
Revision & extension

1 Read the clues and fill in the spaces, you'll find some of the words in the money and banking section. Find the mystery word hidden in 1 down.

1. Another word for money.
2. I'd like to open an _____ please.
3. At Christmas I like to _____ out on the kids.
4. I can't go out tonight, I'm a bit_____ _____ .
5. How would you like to _____ ? Cash or credit card ?
6. I'm in the red I can't believe how _____ I am.
7. I've got no money problems as I've come _____ loads of money.
8. Have you got change for a five-pound _____ ?
9. How much would you like to _____ _____ ?



2 Confusing words to do with shopping ~ choose the correct word.

1. How much does that blue jumper price / *cost* ?
   These shoes are twice the *cost / price* elsewhere.

2. The necklace is *worth / value* a lot of money.
   Those goods were great *worth / value* for money.

3. John won the first *prize / price* in the swimming competition.
   Could you tell me the price/ *prize* of that skirt please.

4. This was only £5 in the *bargain / sale.*
   50% off — what a *bargain / sale.*

5. I never wear orange because it doesn't *match / suit* me.
   I bought this jacket to *match / suit* my skirt.

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Revision & extension — 2

3 Everyday conversations

Match the sentence on the left with the best response on the right.

1. I've got my finals tomorrow.
2. Could you spell that please?
3. What are you having ?
4. How would you like it ?
5. Do you prefer the black or the brown boots?
6. Do you want a bag ?
7. One lump or two?
8. She can see you at two o'clock on Wednesday the 14th.
9. When will they be ready ?

a. No thanks.
b. A week tomorrow.
c. I'd like the ones I've got on.
d. That's fine.
e. A pint of best, please.
f. You don't happen to have any sweeteners?
g. M - A - R - Y
h. Good luck.
i. In fives and tens please.

Extension. Where do you think you are most likely to hear these conversations ?

4 Around the house

Match the **verb** on the left with the **noun** on the right. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

VERB	***NOUN***
lay	the sheets
wipe	the lights
boil	the table
hang out	the kettle
put on	the floor
rinse	the washing
turn on	the telly
change	the dishes
make	the bed

5 Slang. Another type of slang is when words are shortened from their original words. For example, the word *brill* is slang for brilliant. In the following examples what are the meaning of the slang words in *italics?*

1. Let's have ***brunch*** I'm starving.
2. I"ve just got to go to the ***lav***.
3. I used to study art at ***tech***.
4. I love ***footie***.
5. I could murder a ***cuppa*** .
6. What's on ***telly*** tonight?
7. My dad's a ***brickie***.
8. How are things going at ***Uni***.
9. What did the ***doc*** say?
10. Your ***gran*** is ancient.
11. It's raining, have you seen my ***brolly?***
12. I can't add up, I'm hopeless at ***maths.***

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Lynwood Road

Using the information below, complete the puzzle and fill in the entries for each house at the bottom of the page.

Miss Lamb has a toddler.

The man at number 2 has two kids: twin boys.

The toddler's mum drinks lager.

Mr Crisp is a chippie.

Mr Bacon is a copper; his neighbour is on the dole.

The chippie watches documentaries.

The woman who drinks mineral water doesn't have kids.

House number 8 is the only house without children.

There are 5 kids in Lynwood Road a toddler, the twins, a teenager and a stepson.

The sparky likes soaps.

The copper and the housewife like lager.

Mrs Bunn likes to watch sitcoms.

The shandy drinker has a stepson.

The toddler's mum living next door to the sparky is keen on game shows.

Mr Fish lives between Miss Lamb and Mrs Bunn.

The chippie drinks bitter.

The kid at number 4 is a toddler.

Mr Bacon lives at number 10.

The toddler and the teenager are not neighbours.

The teenager watches late night chart shows.

	2	4	6	8	10
name					
kids					
drink					
T.V					
job					

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Dictation ~ Snap the dog

Work with a partner. Student A has one half of the story and student B has the other half. Dictate the story to each other without looking at your partner's text.

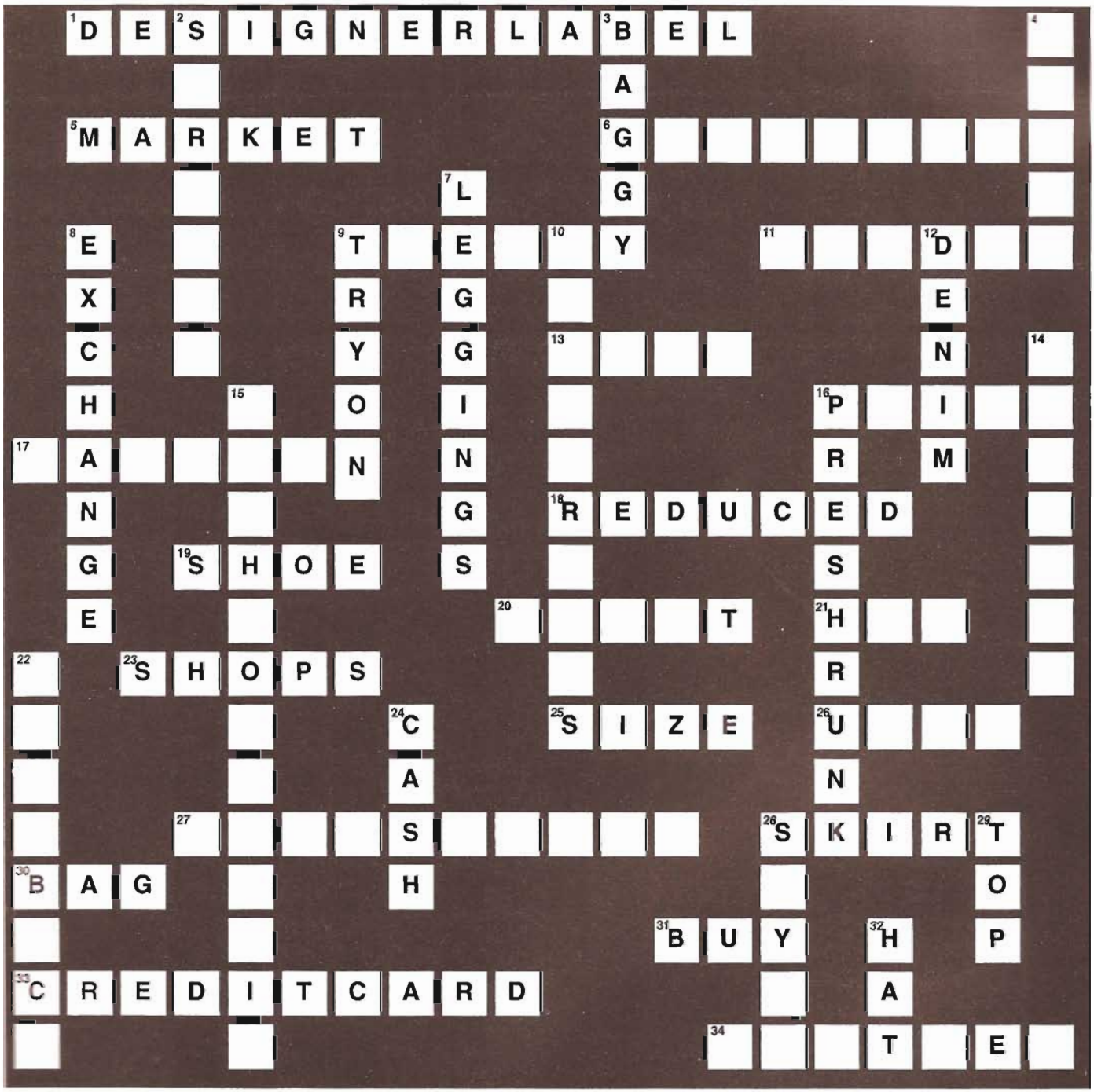
S T U D E N T A

Snap the _ _ _ _ _ _ very excited _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ was Thursday _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ he and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ always went _ _ the cinema. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ going to the _ _ _ _ _ _ _, in fact, he loved _ _ more _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ — except of course — _ _ _ _ _. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the cinema _ _ _ Mrs Hudson _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ tickets, _ _ _ _ _ popcorn, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and a hot dog. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ hungrily and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ his lips, then _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ the film with _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _. It was _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ love story _ _ _ a _ _ _ minutes later Snap _ _ _ tears rolling _ _ _ _ his _ _ _ _. Luckily there was _ _ _ _ _ _ ending and Snap _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ _ his tail. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Communicative Crossword A ~ Shopping

Work in pairs, A and B. In order to complete each crossword, you should take it in turns to describe the words in as much detail as possible.

eg A What's 34 across?
B It's a type of ...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17 A N N R M
N G 18 R E D U C E D
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22 23 S H O P S R
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A N
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30 B A G H O
31 B U Y 32 H P
33 C R E D I T C A R D A
34 T E

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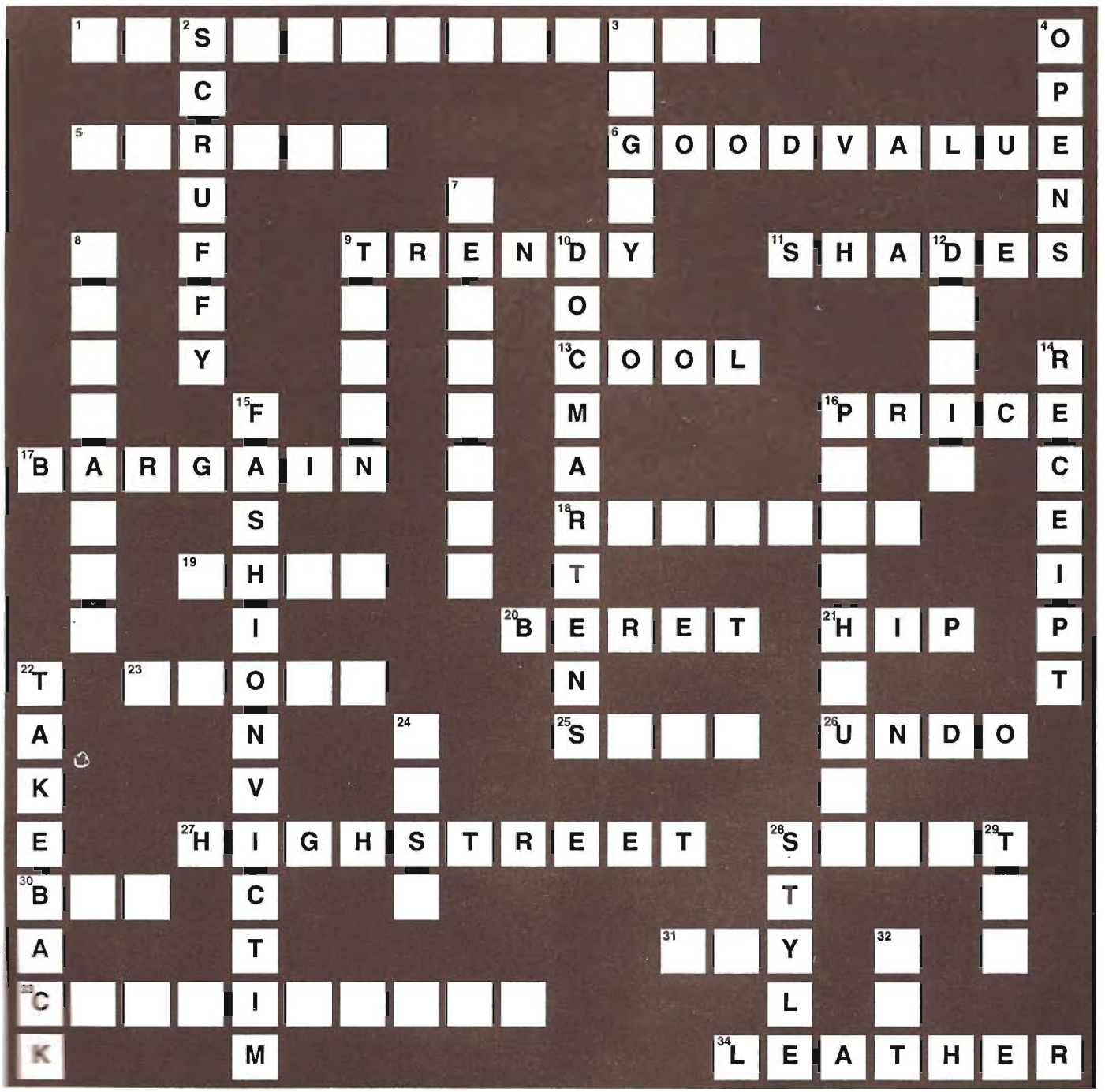
Communicative Crossword B ~ Shopping

Work in pairs, A and B. In order to complete each crossword you should take it in turns to describe the words in as much detail as possible.

eg B What's 5 across?
A It's a place where...



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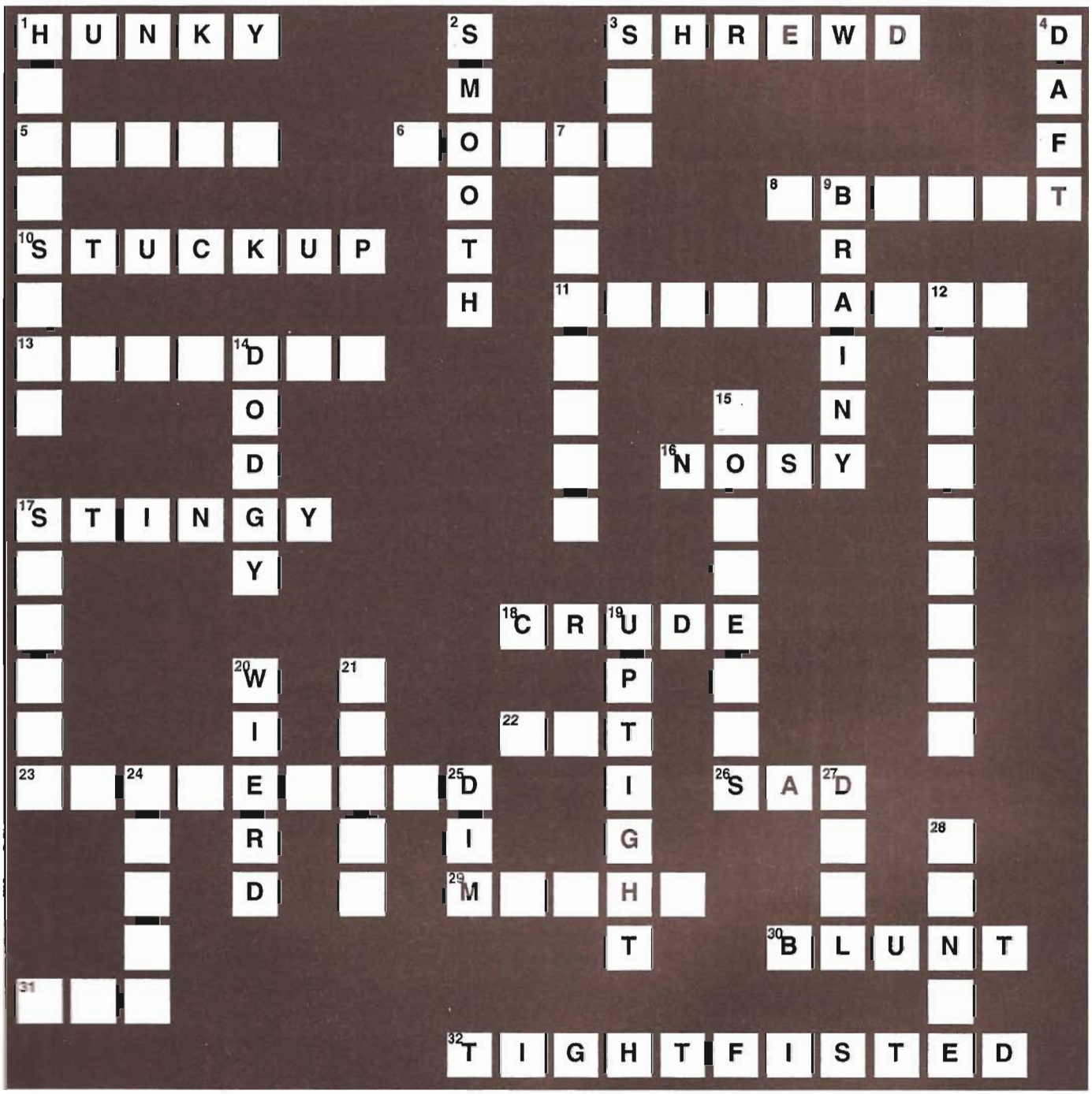
Communicative Crossword A ~ Describing people

Work in pairs, A and B. In order to complete each crossword you should take it in turns to describe the words in as much detail as possible.

eg A What's 13 across?
B It's someone who ...



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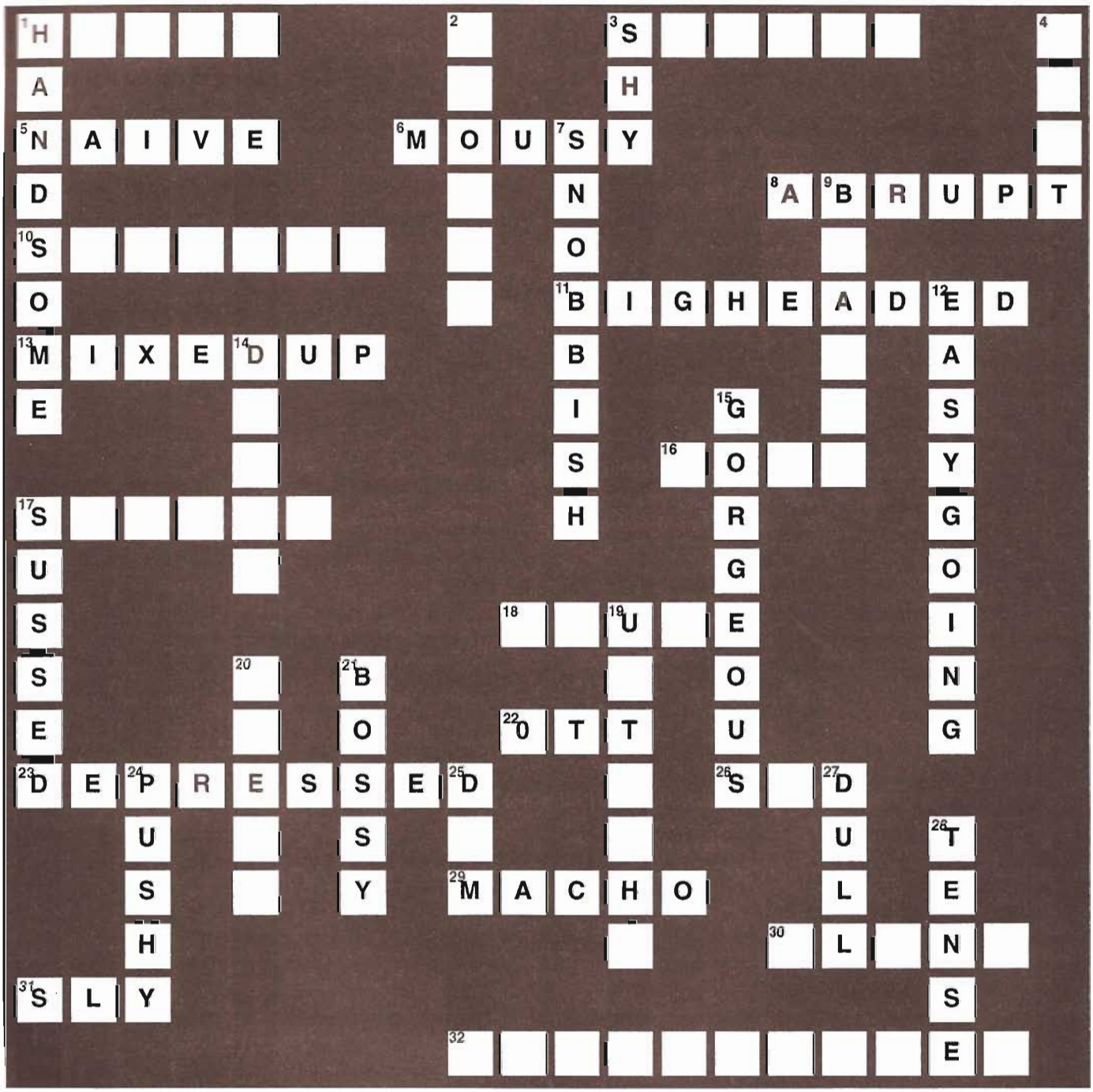
Communicative Crossword B ~ Describing people

Work in pairs, A and B. In order to complete each crossword you should take it in turns to describe the words in as much detail as possible.

eg B What's 10 across?
A It's someone who ...



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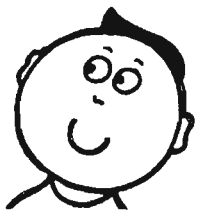
Host family game

To play the game you will need to toss a coin. Heads move one square and tails move two squares. Act out the situations with a partner.



START	Introduce yourself and tell them about your journey to England.	Ask the host family about the town where you are staying.	You want to telephone your parents. Ask.
Tell the host family what you are going to do during your stay.	You have broken a vase. Apologise.	Explain why you are learning English.	Your room is too cold. Cornplain.
Ask the family about their last holiday.	Ask about meal times and tell them the type of food you like and dislike.	Ask your host family about the house rules.	You want to invite some friends round. Ask permission.
Your host family want you to prepare a traditional dish. Tell them what you will cook.	Tell them about your favourite television programme.	Tell them about your family.	You've lost your wallet and passport. Ask advice.
Tell them where you used to go on holiday when you were a child.	Ask them about their family.	Say goodbye, thank them and invite them to your country.	**FINISH**

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Phrase bank

This is a list of useful everyday expressions.

Polite expressions
To be polite in English you will need to remember to use these phrases.

Sorry ~ for apologizing
Sorry I'm late
I'm sorry, do you think you could turn the music down a bit?

Thank you, *thanks (cheers informal) when you are given information, buy something, or when you are given something.*
"Here's your book." "Cheers"
"Cheers for the present".

I'm afraid *~ when you have to say something you think the other person might not like.*
I'm afraid I ate the last biscuit.
I'm afraid you've missed last orders.

Please *~ is very common when you ask for things.*
Two pints of lager please.

The pub
What are you having?
What do you fancy?
I'll have a half / pint of _____.
It's my shout/round.
Could you tell me where the loo is please?

Directions
I'm trying to get to ...
Could you tell me how to get to ...?
I'm looking for...
Take the first/second/third on the right/left.
You can't miss it.
Go straight on, past the ...
Go along/down Church Street until you get to ...

Transport
Can I have a day / period return to / single to ...
Can you tell me when we're there please?
Can you tell me what time it gets in / leaves?
What platform does it go from ?
Where do I get off for...?

The Cinema / Theatre
Where's it on?
What time does it start?
Who's in it?
What type of film / performance / play is it?

Clubs and gigs
Do you have any I.D.?
What time does the band come on?
What type of music do they play?
What's it like inside?

Making friends
How long have you been here?
Where are you from?
I've been here for / since ...
I'm a / an _____ .
What do you do for a living?
How do you find Brighton / the UK / your host family / the school/the food / life here / England ?
What do you hope to do when you finish university?

At the doctors
Take a seat / take your shirt off.
What's the matter?
Where does it hurt?
How long have you had it?
I've got a sore throat / temperature / headache.
My _____ hurts.

At the bank
Can I cash traveller's cheques please?
Do you have any form of identification?
Will two fives / ten do?
How would you like the money?

Shopping
Have you got this in /a size 10/ a smaller size/ a bigger size/ black/ blue?
Could I try this on please?
Do you accept credit cards?
I'd like a refund please.
Sorry, we're out of stock
When will you be getting more in?

On the telephone
Hello can I speak to _____?
Hi, is _____ there?
Could you speak more slowly please?
Could you take a message please?
I'm sorry you've got the wrong number.
I'll call back later.
Can I leave a message for _____ please, tell him/ her that I'll/we'll ...

Greetings
Hi / Hiya / Alright?
How's it going?/ How are things?
Long time no see.
What have you been up to recently?

Saying goodbye
See you later / soon / tonight / at the weekend.
Bye.
Take care.
Nice meeting you / nice to meet you.
Keep in touch.
Thanks for having me.
Have a good trip / time.

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Vocabulary record sheet

Word	Class	Notes - translation, definition, example

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Answers

Verbs — In the host family

2. lie in 3. plug in 4. clearing away
5. wipe up 6. switch off 7. popping round 8. turn over 9. get in
10. get on 11. turning down
12. tidy up 13. dropped off

Money and going to the bank ~ 1

1 b 2 a 3 c 4 c 5 b 6 a 7 b 8 c 9 a 10 c 11 a

The Weather

1. b. Lovely day, isn't it?
   c. It looks like rain
   d. It seems to be brightening up
   e. It's turned out nice again, hasn't it?
   f. It's a bit windy, isn't it?

2. a. soaked b. boiling c. stuffy
   d. draughty e. chilled

3. b. stormy c. warm d. mild
   e. pouring

Travel - Wish you were here

A. Dear Suzy,
I am having an absolutely brilliant time. The weather is boiling hot and the beaches are amazing — golden sands, clear sea and loads of hunky men. As for the nightlife, it is great here — trendy wine bars selling cheap booze. The clubs are open until dawn. The food here is out of this world and dead cheap. Hope you're having fun. Wish you were here. See you soon. Love, Mary.

B. Dear Mary,
Thanks for your postcard. Well, this trip has got to be the holiday from hell. First, the flight was a nightmare. There was a six-hour delay and then loads of turbulence. When we finally arrived at the hotel it was only half-built. We are stuck in the middle of nowhere. The room is tiny with no balcony. The beach is a mile from here and the sea is absolutely filthy. Much love, Suzy.

a. tiny b. filthy c. hunky
d. dead/absolutely e. booze
f. loads of

Food

b. rumbling c. bland d. peckish
e. tasty f. moreish g. rough h. sip
i. black j. junk k. sparkling
l. full up m. stale n. soggy o. savoury
p. raw q. off r. out of this world s. well
t. cook

At the hairdresser

1.

H: Let's have a look. If I take off an inch that should get rid of your **split ends.** Have you still got some **perm** in your hair or is it naturally **curly**?
S: It's natural. Actually, the colour's a bit dull, I was thinking of having some blond **hi-lights.** What do you think?
H: That would suit you. Now shall I cut your **fringe** as well?
S: Yes, I think so, I've been trying to **grow** it **out** but it keeps getting in my eyes.
H: OK, we'll keep it in a **bob** then with a centre **parting,** shall we?
S: That sounds great

2. Colour
auburn, mousy, dyed, blond, brunette
Condition
greasy, normal
Style
layered, crew cut, quiff, bob, perm

The Phone

Conversation A.
I'm sorry, he's out at the moment.
Can I take a message?
Could you ask him to ring Tim when he gets in?

Conversation B
Can I speak to Peter please?
I'm afraid you've got the wrong number.
I'm sorry to trouble you.

Conversation C
Is that Claire?
Hold on a minute, I'll get her.
Hi, it's Jacquie, do you fancy coming to dinner on Saturday?
Yes, I'd love to.

Pub language ~ Cheers!

1.
2. Hang on, it's my round, Same again?
3. Cheers. Half a lager, whatever's on draught.
4. Fine. Do you fancy some crisps?
5. OK — cheese and onion, please
6. By the way, do you know where the loo is?
7. It's next to the cigarette machine.

a. cheers b. loo c. Do you fancy....?

2. half pint, beer garden, snooker cue, roasted peanuts, cigarette machine, draught lager, last orders, roast dinner, dart board, cheese sandwich, closing time, Gents toilet, bar stool

Idioms of comparison

1.
a. mouse b. picture c. flash d. sin
e. gold f. feather. g. sheet h. fiddle
i. rake j. chalk/cheese k. toast

2.
a. drinks b. laughs c. drives d. swears
e. smokes f. slept g. eats

Love & romance

1. chat up / got on / asked out / went out stood up / turn up / gone off / split up.

2. with / on / on / for / for / with / in / about / of.

Love quiz

a. to storm off b. to dump someone / to give someone the elbow c. to get on someone's nerves d. a date e. to be unfaithful.

Illnesses ~ sick as a parrot

1 problem / pain / back / ache / painful / bend / examine / lie / ouch! / hurts / muscle / prescription / rest.

2. Happy
in good shape
on top of the world
getting over flu
Sad
in a bad way
feeling groggy
under the weather
feeling run down

Bad manners ~ British customs

2. Yes 3. Yes 4. No 5. No 6. No
7. No 8. No 9. No 10. No 11. No
12. Yes 13. Yes 14. Yes 15. Yes

Everyday Confusing Words

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. a
8. c 9. b 10. b 11. c 12. b 13. a

Get

A
1. on 2. over 3. on 4. on 5. on
6. down 7. away 8. by

B
2. receive 3. earn 4. caught 5. arrive
6. fetch 7. caught 8. understand

Food idioms ~ A piece of cake

a. cheesed off b. cup of tea
c. piece of cake d. couch potato e. nuts
f. sardines g. spice h. cake i. chicken out
j. fish k. jelly l. peas m. potatoes n. bean
o. cheese

Saying the right thing

1. True 2. c 3. b 4. False 5. False
6. b 7. b 8. True 9. b. 10. b
11. False 12. True 13. a 14. b

British & American English

1
1. tube 2. lift 3. chemist 4. motorway
5. taxi 6. petrol

2
1. fall 2. pants 3. check 4. apartment
5. garbage 6. call collect

3

vest - waistcoat	restroom - toilet
liquor - alcohol	purse - handbag
mailbox - postbox	candy - sweets
movie - film	cookie - biscuit
sidewalk - pavement	

Slang

1
2. toilet 3. move / things 4. without money
5. pounds 6. underground 7. children
8. tenner 9. friends 10. bored

2
How old are your kids?
Did you come by tube?
Can I use your loo?
Whose stuff is this?
Can you lend me ten pounds?
Could you shift your car?
You look fed up, what's up?

Body idioms ~ A helping hand

1.

head	hair
neck	eyes
arm	shoulder
foot	elbow
	hand
	leg

Body idioms (continued)

2. a. head b. foot. c. hand d. leg e. hand f. eyes g. hair h. neck i. eye j. head / shoulders k. elbow l. arm

Going out ~ A night on the town

1. 1. c 2. f 3. a 4. g 5 e 6 d 7 b

2. a. Phantom b. Bats c. Germinator II
d. The Frightening Seeds
e. The Mousecrap f. The Sap

Going out ~ The cinema

1. 1. Who stars in it?
2. Where's it on?
3. What time does it start?
4. What did you think of it?
5. Who directed it?
6. What's it about?

2. box office, foyer, trailers, usher/usherette rows.

3.

very	**absolutely**
funny	hilarious
boring	awful
interesting	riveting
frightening	horrific
moving	
predictable	

Money and going to the bank ~ 2

1.

2. Yes, certainly, have you got your passport on you?
3. Yes, here you are.
4. Right, that's £130 in total. How would you like it?
5. Five twenties, two tens and two fives please
6. Could you sign each one please?
7. Yes, of course
8. Thanks, bye

2.

Happy	Sad
you picked up a bargain	you were broke
you were loaded	you were overdrawn
you were well off	you were ripped off
	you were in the red
	you didn't have a bean
	you were in dire straits
	you were skint

Asking politely ~ Getting it right

1.

1. a 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. b 6. b 7. a 8. b

2.

7. a 8. b 5. c 4. d 1. e 3. f 2. g 6. h

Travel ~ Getting around

1. trip / crossing / get off / missed / journey get off / holiday / arrived / took / got out of driven off

2. a 6 b 4 c 2 d 5 e 3 f 1

3. a. excursions b. view c. resort
d. flying visit e. package holiday
f. countryside

Fashion ~ Dressed to kill 1

1 bra, knickers, waistcoat, belt, zip, buckle

2 tried on, do up, took off, fit, suit, go with, undo, got dressed.

3 a. fitted b. frumpy
c. tight d. flared

Accommodation ~ A roof over your head

1.

on the whole / fortunately / unfortunately to be honest / that's a pity / still / suppose / anyway.

2. **Pronunciation**

/t/	**/id/**	**/d/**
fixed	decided	called
introduced	planted	moved
smashed	dusted	watered
		hoovered
		cleared
		phoned
		cleaned
		scrubbed

Pronunciation ~ Stress and silent letters

1. O o O o o O o
happening, dictionary, Wednesday,
O o o O o o O o o
evening, uncomfortable, ordinary
O o O o O o o
factory, chocolate, miserable.

2. foreign, Christmas, islands, ironing

muscles, half, listens, hour, sandwich.

Fashion ~ Dressed to kill 2

1.

2. Have you got this skirt in a size 10?
3. Let me see, yes this is the last one.
4. Is it OK if I try it on?
5. Sure, the changing rooms are over there.
6. How was it?
7. It fits perfectly, I'll take it.
8. How would you like to pay?
9. By cheque.

2. return, fast, ran, change, stock, label shrank, refund, receipt.

Abbreviations ~ a.s.a.p.

1.

Saturday, 3 pm

Dear Billy

I won't be home until 2 am because Mr Smith from next door is off to the United States of America and I'm taking him to the airport. Your mother telephoned — please call as soon as possible. Don't forget, your food is in the refrigerator — help yourself to anything you want: bread, cheese, margarine and vegetables and so on.

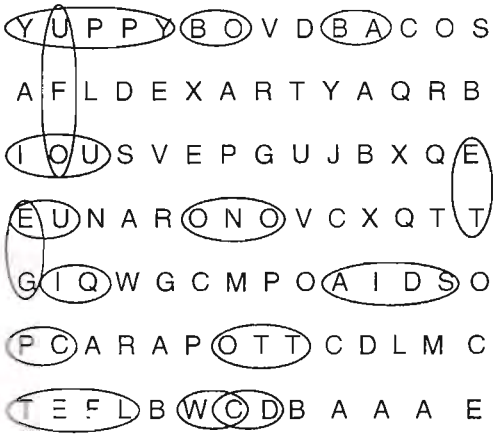
See you tomorrow

Mrs Grey

PS A letter came for you this afternoon, it's on the television.

2.

bed	n/s	avail.
eves	vgc	p.o.
Nov.	ono	mid.
wknds	ster	s
Btn	wltm	tel.
gsoh	p.c.m.	f.



Revision & extension

1.

1. cash
2. account
3. splash
4. hard up
5. pay
6. overdrawn
7. into
8. note
9. take out

Mystery word: cashpoint

2.

1. cost / price
2. worth / value
3. prize / price
4. sale / bargain
5. suit / match

3. 2. g 3. e 4. i 5. c 6. a 7. f 8. d 9. b

4.

wipe the floor
boil the kettle
hang out the washing
put on the lights
rinse the dishes
turn on the telly/lights
change the sheets
make the bed

5.

breakfast/lunch
toilet (lavatory)
technical college
football
a cup of tea/coffee
television
bricklayer
university
doctor
grandmother
umbrella
mathematics

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number	*2*	*4*	*6*	*8*	*10*
name	Crisp	Lamb	Fish	Bunn	Bacon
kids	twins	toddler	stepson	-	teenager
drink	bitter	lager	shandy	mineral water	lager
TV	docum-entaries	game shows	soaps	sitcoms	chart shows
job	chippie	housewife	sparkie	on the dole	copper

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